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SUBJ: DISCOUNT LOAN - AIR TAXIS FOR TAC

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AS INDICATED OUR REFTTEL, TAC DOES NOT AT PRESENT HAVE AUTHORIZATION FROM PORTUGUESE CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT, NOR DOES IT PLAN SERIOUS NEGOTIATION FOR SUCH PURCHASE UNLESS AUTHORIZATION GIVEN. IN LETTER RECEIVED TODAY, TAC MANAGER SUGGESTS THAT EXIM REQUEST MAY STEM FROM "CERTAIN PRECIPITATION ON PART OF WELLS FARGO BANK REPRESENTATIVE". IN VIEW CONTINUED RAPID GROWTH AIR TAXI BUSINESS IN MOZAMBIQUE, WE BELIEVE TAC WOULD HAVE BONAFIDE USE FOR ADDITIONAL PLANES IF IT CAN GET PERMISSION FROM AUTHORITIES, AND THUS IN PRINCIPLE WE HAVE NO POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO EXIMBANK APPROVING ADVANCE COMMITMENT, THOUGH WHOLE TRANSACTION STILL SOUNDS VAGUE TO US. FYI - TAC MANAGER ALSO SAYS TAC AND ASSOCIATED COMPANY ETAPA DO PLAN ACQUIRE TWO AIRCRAFT FOR REGULAR AIR TAXI SERVICE, EITHER BEECHCRAFT BARON 58 OR SHRIKE AERO COMMANDER.
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